

GENERAL ORDERS, }

No. 96.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

*Washington, November 7, 1861.*

Authority to raise a force of State Militia, to serve during the war, is granted, by direction of the President, to the Governor of Missouri. This force is to coöperate with the troops in the service of the United States in repelling the invasion of the State of Missouri and in suppressing rebellion therein. It is to be held, in camp and in the field, drilled, disciplined, and governed, according to the Regulations of the United States Army, and subject to the Articles of War. But it is not to be ordered out of the State of Missouri, except for the immediate defence of the said State.

The State forces thus authorized will be, during such time as they shall be actually engaged as an embodied military force in active service, armed, equipped, clothed, subsisted, transported, and paid by the United States, in accordance with the Regulations of the United States Army and such orders as may from time to time be issued from the War Department, and in no other manner; and they shall be considered as disbanded from the service of the United States, whenever the President may so direct.

In connexion with this force, the Governor is authorized to appoint the following officers, who will be recognised and paid by the United States, to wit: One Major General, to command the whole of the State forces brought into service, who shall be the same person appointed by the President to command the United States Military Department of the West, and shall retain his commission as Major General of the State forces, only during his command of the said Department; one Adjutant General, one Inspector General, and one Quartermaster General, each with the rank and pay of a colonel of Cavalry; three Aides-de-Camp to the Governor, each with the rank and pay of a colonel of Infantry; Brigadier Generals, at the rate of one to a brigade of not less than four regiments; and division, brigade, and regimental staff officers, not to exceed in numbers those provided for in the organization prescribed by the act approved July 22, 1861, "for the employment of volunteers," nor to be more highly

compensated by the United States, whatever their nominal rank in the State service, than officers performing the same duties under that act.

The field officers of a regiment to be : one Colonel, one Lieutenant Colonel, and one Major ; and the officers of a company to be, one Captain, one First and one Second Lieutenant.

When officers of the said State forces shall act in conjunction with officers of the United States Army of the same grade, the latter shall command the combined force.

All disbursements of money made to these troops, or in consequence of their employment by the United States, shall be made by disbursing officers of the United States Army, assigned by the War Department, or specially appointed by the President for that purpose, who will make their requisitions upon the different supply departments, in the same manner for the Missouri State forces, as similar requisitions are made for other volunteer troops in the service of the United States.

The Secretary of War will cause any additional regulations that may be necessary for the purpose of promoting economy, ensuring regularity of returns, and protecting the United States from fraudulent practices, to be adopted and published for the government of the said State forces, and the same will be obeyed and observed by all in office under the authority of the State of Missouri.

BY ORDER :

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